

American Chamber of Commerce (CACCI) in celebration of his 68th birthday.

Born in Grenada, West Indies, Hastick migrated to the United States in 1972 and worked for several years as a social services administrator, community advocate, entrepreneur and newspaper publisher. In 1985, Dr. Roy A. Hastick, Sr. founded the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI) with 10 members. Under his leadership, the organization has become a well-recognized business entity with a membership of over 1,700 in the tri-state area and in the Caribbean. Over the years, CACCI has sustained and developed its mission which is to promote economic development on behalf of Caribbean American, African American, women and other minority entrepreneurs. As President and CEO of CACCI, Hastick has been credited for his tireless efforts to put in place a structure that serves the small business community and fosters a climate of unity and harmony among diverse cultures. Hastick has convened over 800 business development seminars that bring together the CACCI membership with other entrepreneurs and the wider business community to network and access business resources, to make contacts and to explore contracts.

As an ardent supporter of Two-Way trade between the United States and the Caribbean region, Hastick, an elected delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Small Business, campaigned to get Two-Way trade with the Caribbean region into the final recommendations that were submitted to the United States Congress. Through his tireless efforts and visionary leadership, CACCI has undertaken and accomplished several challenging initiatives including: providing weekly business clinics, business services for micro enterprises, start-ups and emerging minority and women business enterprises in areas of access to financing, certification preparation and promoting trade and investment opportunities in the Caribbean region. CACCI's most recent small business programs are: MWBE and Financial Literacy seminars. In collaboration with the CACCI membership and the wider community, CACCI provides rapid emergency responses to hurricane disasters in the Caribbean region including St. Kitts Nevis, Antigua and Barbuda, Haiti and Grenada. Hastick has led several trade missions to the Caribbean region, and hosted numerous Caribbean Heads of State on their visits to New York. Under his leadership the organization organizes and sponsors an Annual National Caribbean American Heritage Month Conference.

Under his leadership, CACCI has managed the city-owned Brooklyn-based micro enterprise incubator, a 9,000-sq. ft. Flatbush Caton Vendors Market, for 16 years which houses 40 vendors who sell a variety of African and Caribbean artifacts and a small business service center. Through Hastick's collaborative efforts, patience and persistence, his long-term goal of creating a Caribbean American Trade Center will soon come to fruition. With the recent announcement by NYC Economic Development Corporation that a MIWBE developer had been selected to create a mixed-use project, which in addition to the Caribbean American Trade Center, will have 250 units of affordable housing, an upscale Flatbush Caton Vendors Market and a cultural center. For several years Hastick has served on numerous economic development boards including Gov-

ernor's Transition Teams, Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation, JP Morgan Chase CAB Board, and New York City and Company, Inc. He has also served as a delegate to the United Nations for Grenada and has received numerous awards including: National Small Business Advocate of the Year by the United States Department of Commerce; was honored at the White House at New York Day in Washington, DC. He was also the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from City University of New York (CUNY). More recently, Hastick received the Goodwill Ambassador Award from the Jewish community for "his impressive record of achievements, promoting economic development, and for working diligently to cultivate understanding and mutual respect." Most recent awards were the NYS Attorney General's (2008) African American Achievers Award for exemplary small business leadership; NYC "American Dreamer Award for service to New York City during Immigrant's Recognition during Immigrants Monthly in New York City and the Caribbean Diaspora Leadership Award presented by Caribbean Tourism Organization. Hastick was recently appointed by Brooklyn Borough President, Eric L. Adams as a Brooklyn Ambassador. Hastick currently lives in East Flatbush with his wife, and has 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

As a fellow Caribbean Brooklynite, I am beaming with pride as we honor the generous service of Dr. Roy Hastick in commemorating his 68th birthday. New York's Caribbean community has forever changed through his decades of dedicated service. On behalf of New York's 9th Congressional District, I am grateful for our hard-working and impactful community leader, Dr. Roy Hastick.

KAITLYN WHITTAKER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kaitlyn Whittaker for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Kaitlyn Whittaker is a student at Wheat Ridge High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kaitlyn Whittaker is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kaitlyn Whittaker for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

SUGAR LAND DISPATCHER NAMED
2018 TRAINER OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Amanda Davis for being named the 2018 Texas Association of Public Safety Communication Officials Trainer of the Year.

Davis has served as a front-line dispatcher for over nine years and also trains new recruits. As part of this effort, she has developed a curriculum to inform dispatchers on how to respond to frantic callers and ensures that they are prepared to help citizens in need at any point in time. Thanks in part to her efforts, Sugar Land is a safe place to raise a family, with the lowest crime rates in 20 years, faster ambulances, and improved public dispatch. Those who work alongside Amanda say that she goes above and beyond to make her trainees feel welcome and never fails to demonstrate absolute professionalism.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Amanda Davis for this wonderful honor. I thank her for everything she does to help keep our Sugar Land community safe.

RECOGNIZING MS. TARA LYNN
JONES

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2018

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ms. Tara Lynn Jones, a warm and dynamic spirit. It is hard to believe that this young woman with her beautiful smile and passion for her community is no longer with us.

Born and raised in Maryland, Ms. Jones graduated from La Reine High School before attending Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia where she earned an undergraduate degree in chemistry. Tara continued her education at George Washington University and received a master's degree in public health, epidemiology, and biostatistics and a certificate in public management.

Mr. Speaker, throughout her career Tara seamlessly moved between the business world and public service. Many remember her work as the Director of Neighborhood Services when Ms. Jones worked to connect residents to health, economic, and social justice services and programs in Washington, D.C. She continued to apply this experience in building coalitions, developing national media campaigns, and coordinating effective events across the country.

I, along with many of my colleagues—especially those of us who serve in the Congressional Black Caucus—truly learned to appreciate and respect Tara's unique gifts and skills when she served as the Vice President of Public Affairs for BET Networks. During a challenging and pivotal time in our nation's history, Ms. Jones used her platform to bring together young people, corporations, media, and policy makers to address the key, core civil rights and social justice matters of the day.